



MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATIVE NETWORK
OF MINNESOTA

MENTAL HEALTH RATES “BRIDGE” INCREASE

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35% increase for outpatient mental health and substance use disorder Medicaid reimbursement rates until a newly anticipated rate methodology is implemented from a statewide rates study.

Data across community-based mental health programs found:

- **Workforce competition has driven a significant increase in salaries** and Medicaid reimbursement rates have not kept pace.
- Current state Medicaid rates for outpatient mental health services are **significantly below current actual costs and about 40% below a competitive, market-based rate** on average.

Critical services gaps include:

- ◇ Family therapy (-40%)
- ◇ Clinical Care Consultation (-43%)
- ◇ Adult Skills & Rehab (-22 to 49%)
- ◇ Children’s Skills (-31%)

IMPROVING TIMELY
ACCESS TO
QUALITY CARE BY
BUILDING THE
SYSTEM WE
URGENTLY NEED

FIXING RATES IS
FOUNDATIONAL TO
SOLVING OUR
MENTAL HEALTH
CARE CRISIS

WHY IT MATTERS:

In February 2023, there is a 7 week wait for intake and another 7 week wait for services for early childhood care.

Costs are growing and reimbursement is flat. We cannot recruit, retain, train and support staff. It is a crisis.

2014 was the most recent increase to outpatient Medicaid mental health rates.

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